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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield between 13 November and 5 December 1954:

13 November. Between 0800 and 1100, Yak-18s made local flights and flights in elements of two.

14 and 15 November. There was no air activity at the field. Some MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over Cottbus from the southwest.

17 to 21 November. No air activity was observed.

22 November. At 1000, Yak-11s made local flights and formation flights in elements of two. The aircraft flying in formation kept a distance of up to 100 meters.

23 November. Yak-11s made local flights in elements of two. The aircraft assembled once to a formation of four.

24 to 29 November. There was no air activity except for one local flight by an AN-2 on 24 and 26 November.

30 November. During the morning, there was air activity by Yak-18s. The aircraft took off and landed individually and made flights in elements of two of about 20 minutes duration at altitudes of 300 to 400 meters. The aircraft kept a distance of about 50 meters. During the afternoon, Yak-11s took off and landed individually and flew in elements of two.

1 December. There was light air activity by Yak-11s which flew in elements of two. Three individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over Cottbus approaching from the southwest at irregular intervals.

2 December. Yak-11s practiced flying in elements of two. The distance between the aircraft was usually about 50 meters but was repeatedly increased to about 200 meters. All aircraft took off and landed individually.

3 December. Between 1200 and 1400, 3 Yak-11s made local flights. No more aircraft were seen. The doors of the hangars were closed.

4 and 5 December. No air activity was observed.

2. Truck            was seen at the field.

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3. Efforts were again made at projects to recruit personnel for the VPL.

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

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1.  Comment. Cottbus airfield is believed to be still occupied by two battalions of the Aeroclub Cottbus. Air activity observed agrees with the previously reported status of training.
2.  Comment. This information indicates that recruiting through the FDJ does not suffice.

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